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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to make my position perfectly clear. I spoke on the first Erdman amendment, and I liked what it did to my legislative district. But at that time, not all parties had agreed to it that were affected. Senator Smith, I would make that commitment to you, but you said to me just recently on the floor that feel free to vote for this if it works for me. I appreciate that. It does put me in a dilemma. Obviously, if this passes and I didn't vote for it, the people of Gosper County are going to wonder what's wrong with me. They are probably going to wonder what was wrong with me last time around. So I would like to support this amendment. It does help I think Senator Baker. I don't see him on the floor now. I don't know what his thoughts are on it, but like the first Erdman proposal, the 38th and the 44th Legislative Districts are the same in both proposals. I do think it has a community of interest there. Senator Smith, you may note that your legislative district boundaries don't change. I think your deviation is such that it's probably, well, let me just look here real quick. Your deviation is 4.86. My deviation in the original map was 4.75 so everything falls within place from that standpoint. I would like to hear a little more from Senator Wickersham and Senator Erdman and would like to support the plan. But there again, Senator Smith, if you would ask me to vote against this because of how it affects your legislative district, I would do that.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I'm somewhat in a quandary. Senator Smith says he objects to this plan. I don't wish to promote something that someone in the Panhandle or in an affected district disagrees with. I think I'm going to be somewhat in the same position as Senator Schrock. I've not made any commitments to Senator Smith, but I don't wish to actively support something that he doesn't. I think that we do have to be sensitive to the wishes of our persons who represent common areas of the state. We have attempted to do that in other areas. I would hope that we could do that in the Panhandle. If Senator Smith did not object, I would tell you that I think this